ज़माने में कपड़े की जो लागत है, वह रुई के उत्पादन के साथ शुरू होती है?

श्री सभापति: बस बस हो गया, जमाने की बात मत करो, क्वेश्चन का जवाब दो।

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला: सभापति जी, यह मैडम का प्रश्न है अभी मैंने जवाब दिया कि चाइना बिल्कुल लेटेस्ट मशीनरी के साथ, अल्ट्रा मॉडर्न मशीनरी के साथ मैन्युफैक्चर कर रहा है। किन्तु हमारी आउट ऑफ डेट मशीनरी है, जो कई साल पुरानी है। अत: मशीनरी में मॉडर्नाइज़ेशन करने के लिए हमने कस्टम मशीनरी इम्पोर्ट करने में पांच प्रतिशत....

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी: खाली मॉडर्नाइज़ेशन का सवाल नहीं है, मेरा सवाल दूसरा है।

श्री सभापति: अब आप इनको बोलने तो दीजिए।

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला: देखिए यह कपड़ा और वस्त्र का सवाल नहीं है। हमारे यहां डीसेंट्रलाइज्ड इंडस्ट्री है, रेडीमेड कपड़ा बनाने वाले अलग हैं, कपड़ा बनाने वाले अलग हैं, मिल्स वाले अलग हैं, एक नहीं हैं। चाइना की जो पालीटिकल सिचुएशन है, वे कुछ भी कर सकते हैं। उनको कोई नहीं रोकता है। हमारे यहां जो मिलों पर कपड़ा बनाता है, उसे हम नहीं कह पाएंगे कि आप रेडीमेड गार्मेंट भी बनाइए। रेडीमेड गार्मेंट्स की दुनिया अलग है, कपड़े की दुनिया अलग है, सबकी दुनिया अलग है।

श्री सभापति: चलिए, चलिए, हो गया।

Increased vigil by coast guard along Kerala Coast

*203. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:†
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coast Guard has stepped up vigil along the coast of Kerala following a tip off about an unidentified vessel carrying arms from the Gulf;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Coast Guard had increased its surveillance along the Kerala coast in the last few days; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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† The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati S.G. Indira.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The Coast Guard has stepped up its vigil after receiving information on the possibility of a vessel landing arms on the Indian coast. Coast Guard ships and aircraft have been tasked to interdict the suspected vessel.

The Coast Guard has increased its surveillance along the entire west coast of India. The Navy has also been alerted.

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Sir, is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that recently, several tonnes of scrap legally sneaked into the country through sea, and it contained missiles and rockets? Many of these rockets had exploded in different parts of our country. Some of these rockets had even exploded near our capital. I agree that the scrap is being handled by different agencies of the Government, and I feel that the Coast Guard, who guard the sea territory, have an important role to play in this respect. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Madam, put your question.

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: My question is, whether the Government is considering to involve the Coast Guard in the import of steel scrap to ensure that nothing of this sort happens which will threaten the security of our country.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, the responsibility of the Coast Guard is to protect our Coast and to intercept if some contraband has been brought in, and that is being done on the basis of certain information. So far as this particular question is concerned, it is related to a particular information that there is likely to be a vessel landing on the Indian Coast with illegal arms, and on the basis of that information, we have alerted both the Coast Guard and the Navy; surveillance has been stepped up. But, actually, the ship has not yet arrived or the vessel carrying those types of arms has not yet been caught on the basis of such information.

So far as her query about other types of contraband coming in is concerned, that is altogether a different matter. That is not related to this question.

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Sir, it has been reported that the Coast Guard has earlier also received such a tip off about vessels carrying arms from the Gulf. If that is true, what are the steps taken by the Government on such a tip off?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, this is a routine exercise. The Coast Guard's job is to act on the basis of information that they get. As and when they get some information, they act on that, and when the ships carrying contraband goods are caught, normal legal action has been taken. That is a routine exercie.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Sir, this type of information is creating grave concern among the people, particularly those who are giving in the coastal areas of Kerala. It is stated in the answer that surveillance has been stepped up, but there is no idea about the armed vessel. There were also reports about two ships of the USA and the UK virtually stationed within the coastal limit of the Arabian Sea or in the western part of our country. There were such reports received earlier also. It has also been reported that those ships were collecting strategic information about our naval preparations. I would like to know the reaction of the Government on this.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Reaction to what?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he has said!

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, on the basis of the information available, we stepped up our activities, and naturally, those who wanted to smuggle in, seeing the activities of the Vigilant Organisation, did not carry their operations.

So far as the presence of other USA ships are concerned, which the hon. Member has referred to, we got that type of complaint, but they are outside our maritime zone. But we have drawn the attention of the US State Department through our Embassy. That is not related with this Coast Guard activity.

SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Sir, I want to know whether the Coast Guard is regularly checking the fishermen on the basis of the complaints that they are carrying arms illegally; if so, whether any complaint is also received about the LTTE movement. I am asking this question because in various parts of Tamil Nadu, a lot of fishermen are harassed every day, and the news is appearing every day that they are arrested by the Naval Forces of Sri Lanka.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, this problem of the fishermen being caught by other countries is also a continuing exercise, and referring to the information which we have, it is true that some Indian fishermen have been caught by the Sri Lankan Navy, and whenever these incidents are brought to our notice, we immediately take it up with the States concerned, both with Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Sir, is it possible for the hon. Minister to disclose, perhaps, on the basis of the information they got, the point of origin of this suspicious ship?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, the General is well aware that this type of information is never divulged because the very effectiveness of the information and source will be completely destroyed, if the source of the information is divulged.

Families in rural areas without toilets

*204. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families in rural areas without toilets in their homes;

(b) whether there is any scheme for assisting them in constructing Septic-tanks and toilets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) As per 2001 Census, 10.80 crore households in rural areas were without toilet facilities in their houses.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India have launched Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) under the Centrally sponsored Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) for accelerated sanitation coverage in rural areas. Under the TSC, technical guidance as well as low cost sanitary materials are made available through Production Centres or Rural Sanitary Marts to all households. The choice of technology *i.e.* to construct a septic tank or